

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A growing medium comprising a self-supporting block formed from sphagnum moss bound together by a binding material dispersed through the sphagnum moss, said binding material being a compatible adhesive, said adhesive being an adhesive in aqueous dispersion.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The growing medium as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein the binding material is ethylene vinyl acetate adhesive.
4. (Currently Amended) The growing medium as claimed in claim 1 wherein the binding material is selected from the following group:- casein, carotene, botanical gum resins, ~~wax based adhesives, thermoplastics, thermoplastics melt bond powders.~~
5. (Previously Amended) The growing medium as claimed in claim 1 further comprising fibrous material dispersed through the sphagnum moss.
6. (Original) The growing medium as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an exterior coating over all or part of said growing medium.
7. (Original) The growing medium as claimed in claim 6 wherein said exterior coating is selected from the group consisting of: fibrous material, thermoplastic melt bond powder, adhesive coated thermoplastics material.
8. (Original) The growing medium as claimed in claim 5 or claim 7 wherein said fibrous material is selected from the following group: shredded waste paper, wool, coconut fibre, shredded cork, shredded bark.

9. (Withdrawn)

10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Withdrawn)

14. (Currently Amended) The combination of a growing medium as claimed in any one of claims 1-7 and a support tray, said support tray providing one or more apertures, the or each aperture being adapted to receive the growing medium and being surrounded by solid side ~~white~~ walls; the top and base of the or each aperture being open.